

MINUTES

LE-HI-HO Board of Directors Meeting
February 23, 1977
7:00 P.M.
Residence of Jack

Attendance:

Board Members: Ken Burke, Chairperson
Bob Steelman, Secretary
Ron Seeds, Treasurer
Rick Balmer
Roger Edelman
Joel Ressler
Jack Rudy

Members: Joe Burns

The meeting began with reading and discussion of recent correspondence.

I. NEWSLETTER: Rick requested a meeting of the newsletter committee after the board meeting. He called attention to TV showings of Edward II and In the Glitter Palace.

II. SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: Rick reported no further word on a proposed engagement at Penn State at Fogelsville. The March 25 invitation to speak to Dr. Williams' class at Lehigh had to be declined because of lack of speakers available.

III. OLD BUSINESS: A discussion of unresolved business from 1976 was begun, during which much new business was introduced:

A. Another showing of "A very natural Thing" was abandoned because of prohibitive costs and lack of cosponsor.

B. FUND RAISING: The treasurer reported a balance of \$145.03, excluding expenditures previously approved. Joel reported the Valentine Dance was less successful than hoped, and that a financial loss had resulted. He suggested future dances be held on Sundays to avoid competition with the bars. Rick suggested a greater variety of functions should be tried, and that past failures not be repeated. The question of a fund drive this year was raised, but no decision was reached.

C. BUDGET: Ken advised budget requests for this year ought to be made soon, leading to a discussion of budgeting and other financial matters:

1. Ron proposed a percentage budgeting system that would work regardless of the balance in the treasury. The necessity of a general or slush fund for emergencies was pointed out, as was the desirability of ranking budget items by importance in the event the treasury balance became too low to handle all budget items. Rick moved Ron's proposal be accepted; Ken seconded. During the discussion Joel advocated monthly budgeting subject to approval by the board at its monthly meetings. Ron's proposal was accepted, 5 votes in favor and 2 abstentions. Ron was also authorized to pay all outstanding bills. He suggested the following percentage budget, which Joel recommended be adopted for a three-month trial; no action was taken on either proposal:

a. Programming -- 15%

b. Library -- 8%

c. Newsletter -- 25%

d. Refreshments -- 10%

e. Social Activities -- 10%

f. Office Supplies

Mailing List -- 25%

g. Slush-emergency Fund -- 5%

h. Rural Caucus -- 2%

2. Jack asked for the purchase of carafes to hold enough hot water for coffee and tea at general meetings. Joel suggested a large coffee urn would be more practical. Jack offered to look into the matter and report later.
3. Roger requested permission to buy a four-drawer filing cabinet for \$20 to hold archival materials. Joel moved and Rick seconded the funds be provided from the office supplies budget; the motion carried unanimously.
4. Jack requested the collection basket be moved from the refreshment cart area at general meetings, because this implies donations are only for refreshments instead of the organization's operation. The treasurer was asked to take charge of the donation basket.
Jack expressed apprehension that the new, more strict accounting procedures just approved might reduce the goodwill shown by many members who in the past made up losses from their own pockets. Majority opinion was that the current system would not prevent such gestures.

IV. REPORTS FROM JOE BURNS: Discussion of old business was halted to allow Joe to make several reports:

- A. SENATE BILL 83: The meeting of Pennsylvania State Government Committee, which reported out Senate Bill 83 by 8 - 3, was discussed.
- B. VALENTINE DANCE: Joe reported the dance was not as successful as hoped, due mainly to too much effort in decorating and refreshments and not enough to getting people to attend. He asked the loss be his responsibility; the request was honored.
- C. FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS: Joe said future night events would be held on Sundays to avoid competition with the bars. Rick questioned the advisability of holding further dances; Joe replied that he sees dances as a definite service to the gay community, and that they should continue, with more effort going into getting greater participation. Joel thought combined dinner-dances could be a better drawing card. The next social events, as yet undetermined, are planned for May and June, the latter to have a "Gay Pride" theme.

- V. GAY PRIDE: Ken suggested a triple-size newsletter for June built around this theme and offered to sponsor a third of such an issue. The Valley Monthly and Weekender were mentioned as potential sources of public education at that time, especially if we approach them with an offer to supply the material and work with their staffs on layout, etc. Further, the effort ought to be made statewide. Ken moved he name a coordinator for this project; approval was unanimous.

- VI. BARRY KOHN DINNER: This courtesy to February general meeting speaker Kohn was cancelled.

- VII. REMAINING UNRESOLVED BUSINESS: Additional items of unfinished business are to be taken up at the March board meeting.

- VIII. NEXT MEETING: March 23, 1977, 7:00 P.M. at residence of Roger Edelman.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M., February 23, 1977.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Steelman
Robert Steelman, Secretary
March 17, 1977